

UNIVERSITY OF ABERDEEN

International Exchange and Study Abroad Program

Information Sheet

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Since 1495 the University of Aberdeen has been open to all and dedicated to the pursuit of truth in the service of others. We still have that purpose.

Founded with international connections to serve the north east of Scotland, our stunning campus blends medieval architecture with state of the art learning facilities, including an Olympic standard sports facility and a fully digitized Science Teaching Hub.

Students from 130 countries across the world come to study our flexible and exciting degree programmes in a vibrant, creative and ambitious city. Aberdeen is known for its historic charm and cosmopolitan community and is the gateway to some of Scotland's most beautiful coastlines and countryside making it the perfect place to start your next adventure.



Exchange and Study Abroad Information Sheet 2023/24

General Information

University Name	University of Aberdeen
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Main Contacts

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2023/24 Term Dates

Semester 1 (September – December 2023)	
Arrival weekend	Saturday 9 and Sunday 10 September 2023
Orientation	Monday 11 September 2023
Registration/Welcome Week	Tuesday 12 – Friday 15 September 2023
Classes begin	Monday 18 September 2023
Term ends	Friday 15 December 2023
Semester 2 (January – May 2024)	
Arrival weekend	Saturday 13 and Sunday 14 January 2024
Orientation	Monday 15 January 2024
Registration/Welcome Week	Tuesday 16 – Friday 19 January 2024
Classes begin	Monday 22 January 2024
Spring break begins	Monday 1 – Friday 19 April 2024
Term ends	Friday 17 May 2024

Link to Academic Calendar

[Semester Dates](#) | [Students](#) | [The University of Aberdeen \(abdn.ac.uk\)](#)

Nomination Information

Fall Term/Full Year (Sep) Nomination Deadline	15 April
Spring Term/Calendar Year (Jan) Nomination Deadline	15 September

Summary of Nomination Process

Nominated student details should be sent directly from our partners. Our nomination form is online [University of Aberdeen Incoming Nomination Form 2023/2024 | University of Aberdeen \(geckoform.com\)](#). Information required includes student name, email address, degree/major, current level of study, and the time period they will be applying for.

Application Information

Fall Term/Full Year (Sep) Application Deadline	30 June
Spring Term/Calendar Year (Jan) Application Deadline	15 October

Summary of Application Process

After they have been nominated by their home university, students will be provided with a link to our online application.

Supporting Documents Required

- Official academic transcript
- English Language test results (for non-native English speakers – see below for more)
- Scan of a valid passport

These documents can be uploaded directly to the online application. If some documents (e.g. passport scan) will be unavailable until after the application deadline, they can be emailed separately to goabroad.incoming@abdn.ac.uk

Entry Requirements

Academic Requirements

Nominated students should have a GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale or equivalent. Applicants with a lower GPA may be considered on a case-by-case basis, with endorsement from the home university.

Language Requirements

Single semester students: we will accept a Statement of Language Level signed by the home institution, confirming that the student's level of English is B2 or above on the [Common European Framework of Reference for languages](#) in line with requirements for the Standard Visitor Visa. Alternatively, we also accept any formal certification from the approved range of official qualifications listed at [Undergraduate Degrees - English Requirements | Study Here | The University of Aberdeen \(abdn.ac.uk\)](#). These must have been issued within two years prior to planned commencement at Aberdeen.

Full year students: we will accept a range of official certificates and qualifications to evidence English language level, in line with requirements for the Student Visa. These are listed at [Undergraduate Degrees - English Requirements | Study Here | The University of Aberdeen \(abdn.ac.uk\)](#). These must have been issued within two years prior to planned commencement at Aberdeen.

Academic Information

Language of instruction	English
Standard academic course load	60 credits per semester (30 ECTS)
Average course credit load	15 credits per course / 30 credits for some upper level courses
Minimum full time course load	46 credits per semester
Maximum course load per semester	75 credits (permission to overload past 60 credits must be granted by the student's Go Abroad Tutor at the University of Aberdeen)
Course restrictions	<p>Information on courses at University of Aberdeen can be viewed at Undergraduate 2022-2023 - Catalogue of Courses (abdn.ac.uk)</p> <p>No Availability:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any Level 5 course (unless contractually agreed) • Clinical Medicine & Dentistry courses • Level 3 English Creative Writing courses • Level 4 English and Linguistic courses • BM 4501 - Biomedical Science Honours Project • Engineering Project Courses (e.g., EG4578, ED251A) • JB, JC, QB, QC, QI and QL coded courses <p>Very Limited Availability</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education Courses • Level 3 English and Linguistic Courses • Field Courses – places are limited so students will only be able to enrol if the course is mandatory for her/his degree, space permitting <p>Students from a partner with which we have a subject specific bilateral agreement must select at least 50% of their curriculum from the hosting school.</p> <p>Normally, courses at Level 1 and Level 2 are open to incoming students. Entry to courses at Level 3 and Level 4 require proof that the student has taken relevant prerequisites at their home university.</p> <p>Some Level 3 and 4 courses (particularly in subjects such as English, History, Politics and Sixth Century courses) have limited spaces available. Students will be entered into an electronic lottery, along with Aberdeen degree students, to determine enrolment.</p> <p>Postgraduate exchange students in Law cannot take Diploma in Legal Practice (DLP) courses. These courses have a 'D' in the second-to-last digit of the course code (e.g., LS55DA).</p>
Research Courses	<p>Students wishing to undertake research at the University in history and/or chemistry can do so in the following courses:</p> <p>H1304J/H1354J: Historical Research for Visiting Students, CM4033, CM4034, CM4532 and CM4533: Chemistry B (Non-Graduating)</p>

Accommodation

University accommodation is available to all incoming students providing they apply by the deadline. Students will be emailed information on how to apply once they are accepted into the programme.

Most incoming students opt to live in Hillhead Student Village, which is largely self-catered accommodation. Students may also apply to live in Adam Smith House, which has catered options. All information on accommodation is available online at [Accommodation | The University of Aberdeen \(abdn.ac.uk\)](https://www.abdn.ac.uk/accommodation)

Updated costs for semester and year-long accommodation contracts are emailed to students by our Accommodation Team at the point of acceptance. Any and all queries about accommodation **must** be sent directly to our accommodation team on studentaccomm@abdn.ac.uk

Visas

Students coming for one semester (six months or less) with a non-UK or non-Irish passport should enter the UK on a Standard Visitor Visa. The cost and process of applying for this visa depends on where the student is applying/country of domicile and nationality. Students are not permitted to work in the UK while studying on this type of visa and must leave the UK within six months of the date of arrival.

Students coming for longer than six months on a non-UK or non-Irish passport must apply for a student visa. This visa has a strict application process. Students are generally allowed to work up to 20 hours per week on this type of visa. Further visa information can be found online at [Student visa : Overview - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/student-visa)

Cost of Living

UK Visas and Immigration indicate that international students should have £1,023 for each month that they will spend in the United Kingdom. Although no official advice is given for standard visitor visa students, we suggest that semester exchange/study abroad students also budget £1,023/month for living expenses. A further breakdown of example costs can be found at <https://www.abdn.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/exchange-study-3061.php#panel3079>

Orientation and Arrival

Students are normally given a dedicated orientation on the Monday after arrival weekend. This is then followed by a week of registration and induction where students will meet with their Go Abroad Tutor (academic advisor) to finalise their curriculum, complete their registration and acquaint themselves with campus and the city. Further orientation events will be held during welcome week in September / refreshers week in January for the general student population, and exchange students may take part.

Transcripts

At the end of the period of study an academic transcript will automatically be produced and emailed to each student and copied to their home institution, where the home institution is a contractual partner.

Insurance

The University of Aberdeen does not require students to purchase coverage through our institution.

Travel Insurance

Students are encouraged to purchase travel insurance that will cover their personal effects.

Health/Medical Insurance

Single Semester Students: Students coming for six months or less are encouraged to purchase health/medical insurance in their home country before departing for Aberdeen. Although the National Health Service (NHS) in Scotland may provide some free healthcare services to these students, private insurance guarantees that the students will receive the relevant care in a timely manner, as remains recommended as students will likely travel outside of Scotland during their time in Aberdeen.

Full Year Students: International students who require a Student visa to study in the UK also must pay the NHS health surcharge and associated additional costs when applying for a visa. For more information, please visit our visa information page at [Visa Information and FAQs | Study Here | The University of Aberdeen \(abdn.ac.uk\)](#) Comprehensive medical and travel insurance is still recommended, however, as students will likely travel outside of Scotland during their time in Aberdeen.

Dual Citizens: Students who have a UK passport will be eligible to use the NHS while in Scotland. Again, comprehensive medical and travel insurance is still recommended in all cases, as students will likely travel outside of Scotland during their time in Aberdeen.

Highlights of Aberdeenshire and Scotland

[Things To See and Do & Attractions in Aberdeen | VisitScotland](#)

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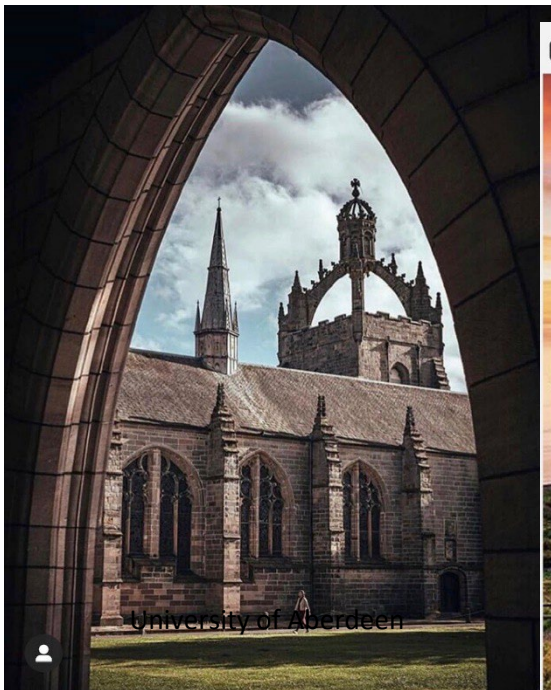
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